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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. DURING DISCUSSION MAY 18 WITH SKOUG ABOUT INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING WITH SOVIETS IN MOSCOW NEXT MONTH, ARSTRONG SAID THAT HAL SCOTT HAD OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE IN ROUNDING UP TOP AMERICAN CORPORATE EXECUTIVE TO ATTEND. HE INDICATED SOME SUSPICION OF SCOTT'S ROLE, HOWEVER, NOTING THAT ICC HAD ITS OWN LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR EAST/WEST TRADE WITH WHICH SCOTT'S "VIENNA II" ORGANIZATION COULD BE IN COMPETITION. ARMSTRONG SAID HE HAD "HAGGLED" WITH SCOTT ABOUT THIS IN VIENNA.

2. IN VIEW OF ORLOV'S STATURE WITHIN THE PHYSICS COMMUNITY WE WISH TO FLAG FOR YOUR ATTENTION THE ARRIVAL MAY 21 OF A GROUP OF 15 DISTINGUISHED PHYSICISTS FROM THE U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT CONDENSED MATTER THEORY SYMPOSIUM HERE MAY 22-29 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE S&T BILATERAL (01.08) AND THE U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND THE SOVIET ACADEMY. THE SYMPOSIUM, AND THE CONTACT IT WILL AFFORD WITH SOVIET SCIENTISTS, RAISES THE PROSPECT THAT SOME DELEGATES (IF THEY COME AT ALL) WILL EXPRESS THEIR
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DISSATISFACTION WITH ORLOV DECISION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION ON ANY USDEL ACTION SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, YOU MAY WISH TO (A) MAKE SURE THAT HANDLER IS AWARE OF USDEL'S IMMINENT DEPARTURE; (B) RECOMMEND TO NAS THAT THE U.S. PHYSICISTS BE BRIEFED THOROUGHLY BY NAS ON HANDLER'S AND NAS'S PREVIOUS STATEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE

SOVIET ACADEMY ON THE ORLOV, GINZBURG AND SHCHARANSKIY CASES. (SUCH A BRIEFING WILL REQUIRE MORE THAN THE USUAL CARE SINCE FIVE OF THE FIFTEEN PHYSICISTS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT U.S. CITIZENS BUT RESIDENT ALIENS THOUGH PART OF THE U.S. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY.)

3. WE LEARNED TO OUR SURPRISE LATE YESTERDAY THAT RAMUNDO OF DOT TOLD THE SOVIETS MAY 17 THAT SECRETARY ADAMS IS INTERESTED IN COMING HERE IN LATE AUGUST (MOSCOW 11162). TIMING OF THIS NOTIFICATION WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE, SINCE THE ORLOV TRIAL WAS THEN IN PROGRESS AND CONVICTION CERTAIN. IF WE HAD BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE, WE WOULD HAVE ADVISED DELAY IN THIS APPROACH UNTIL ALL IMPLICATIONS OF ORLOV TRIAL HAD BEEN CONSIDERED. WERE THESE CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY ICCUSA WHEN ADAMS VISIT WAS APPROVED (AS RAMUNDO ASSURES US IT WAS)? WERE THERE PARTICULAR REASONS FOR NOT INFORMING US THAT THESE PLANS WERE AFOOT?

4. YOU ALSO SHOULD BE AWARE THAT DWIGHT CRAMER OF OES INFORMED LOUIS SELL BY TELEPHONE YESTERDAY THAT PRESS HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND HIS PLANNED VISIT TO THE USSR FROM JULY 17-19 OR JULY 16-23. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROACHED ON THIS, BUT OF COURSE ARE AWARE OF THE IDEA FROM MONITORING THE TELEPHONE CALL.

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5. IN ALL OF THIS, WE WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT A VERY CLOSE LOOK BE GIVEN AT WHAT NOW LOOKS LIKE A SUMMER STAMPEDE OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS, SOME WITHOUT ANY OBVIOUS . SUBSTANTIVE RATIONALE. THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD DEFINITELY BE CONSULTED WHEN CABINET-LEVEL VISITS ARE CONSIDERED. WHILE WE DO NOT THINK IT WISE TO INTERFERE WITH WORKING-LEVEL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND WE WOULD CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO WITHHOLD SOME AMMUNITION TO USE IF THE SOVIETS NOW PROCEED WITH GINSBURG AND SHCHARANSKY, NEVERTHELESS PILING ON ADDITIONAL HIGH-LEVEL VISITS AND EXTENDING THOSE ALREADY PLANNED AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME STRIKES US AS MOST STRANGE.

6. RE ABORTIVE TLATELOLCO DEMARCHE, ASSUME YOU WILL USE EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER OFFICES AS ILLUSTRATION OF HOW NOT RPT NOT TO STAFF A DEMARCHE. EVEN AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, DEMARCHE WOULD HAVE PROBABLY BEEN TOO LATE TO HAVE ANY PRACTICAL EFFECT, BUT IT SHOULD HAVE TAKEN NO GREAT INSIGHT TO REALIZE THAT SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY ANNOUNCE ACCESSION WHILE MEXICAN PRESIDENT WAS HERE. THEREFORE MEETINGS THIS WEEK TO IRON OUT A POSITION WERE SIMPLY A WASTE OF TIME. MATLOCK

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